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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**H**ello everyone, I hope that many of you have been out between storms doing some metal detecting. I have been hearing about some great finds, one of which I will personally talk about at the meeting.

We are at the halfway point of the year. We have had an incredible first half and we have plans for the same in the second half with our coin show, great guest speakers and the pinnacle of each year --- the Christmas dinner.

This month's mini display will be presented by Todd Monson-very **BIG** surprise.

A **HUGE THANKS** goes to Mr. Bob Campbell for his fantastic presentation on cleaning coins. We all gained a lot of information about cleaning techniques from Bob. It was indeed a great experience to learn from Bob and his vast amount of knowledge and talent.

This month's speaker will be Mr. Mike Redd talking to us about his family history in Blanding, Utah and the many different types of Tokens from that area (see Mike's Bio page 4.) This will surely be a very interesting night learning more about Blanding tokens.

Another friendly reminder: The NUTS club coin show is coming up on June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as a volunteer to help at the front desk, and please buy and sell lots of drawing tickets. There are some amazing prizes, including the grand prize \$5.00 Gold piece. If you have any questions please check with Brandon Phillips our VP and coin show chairman.

Lets all hope for a silver dollar and a Gold Coin around the next corner.

See ya at the meeting.

Todd Monson



**JUNE 24**

Time: 7:00 pm Room 105

Location: Columbus

Community Center

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# REMINDER



## MEETING IS THIS COMING THURSDAY

# MAY SPEAKER

## Nuts Club May Meeting Notes by Mike Morey

At the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, **Bob Campbell** generously shared some of his tradecraft with club members, giving a presentation on cleaning dug coins and tokens.

Bob's expertise and accreditations are extensive. He is the owner of All About Coins in Salt Lake City, Past President of the American Numismatic Association, one of the nations foremost authorities on detecting counterfeit currency, and of course Bourse Chairman for the NUTS club. Bob has also authored what most of us know as THE authoritative book on Utah Trade Tokens.

When it comes to cleaning coins, we have all heard DON'T DO IT. However, most of us will eventually attempt to clean our finds with varying degrees of

success. Valuable key dates and rare tokens should be cleaned professionally, a service Bob provides at his shop.

Bob demonstrated several methods of "coin doctoring 101" that can be effective in improving the appearance of coins. Some of the materials demonstrated included a soaking mixture of vinegar and salt, commercial products such as Jewel Luster, Nic-o-date, OO steel wool, brass brushes which are softer than coin metal and hollow hair soft brushes. Methods for both cleaning and re-toning were demonstrated.

Keys to cleaning your finds include patience, taking your time, gradually increasing the strength of solutions so as not to pit or over clean, and PRACTICE (on items you are willing to make a mistake on.)

If you weren't fortunate enough to be at this meeting, it would

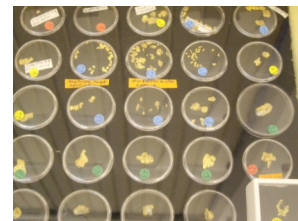
be well worth your time to speak to Bob or one of the club members that attended.

Thanks Bob for a fantastic presentation!

## May Mini Display Boyd Pickering



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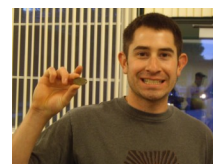


# MAY WINNERS

## FIND OF THE MONTH



Cliff Fausett



JJ Valerio



Bill Glodowski

oldest us cent	---	---	Bill Glodowski
oldest us coin	---	---	Mike Morey
us coin	---	---	Todd Monson
foreign coin	---	---	Cliff Fausett
token	---	---	Bill Glodowski
jewelry	---	---	Lisa Morey
artifact	---	---	JJ Valerio
button	---	---	Lisa Morey
marble	---	---	Todd Monson
non-metal	---	---	Johnny Player
bottle	---	---	Lisa Morey
key	---	---	Mike Morey
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Mike Morey



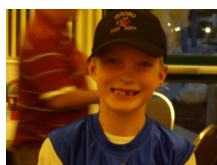
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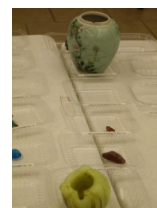
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Lisa Morey



Hunter Phillips



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We were all riveted with Bob's presentation.

Photos read Left to Right



Mel Milgrom, Eldon Farnsworth, Bill Turpela, Todd Monson, Janel Day



Stephen & Danetta Ratcliffe, Leara Bernhard, Phil Clark, Johnny Player



Neil & Payton Phillips, Boyd Pickering, Tom Davis, Chris Benson, Johnny Gallegos



Tom Davis, Kyle Carson, Chris Benson, James Staker, Mike Morey, Bill Glodowski



JJ Valerio, Autumn Beckstead, Anthony Bos, Alex Moore



Linda Lavorgna, Marlyn Wilson, Hunter Phillips, Larry Kimura, Rodney Halliday, Jen Phillips

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **JUNE 24th - N.U.T.S. MONTHLY MEETING -**

**Location: 2531 South 400 East, Room 105 -**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**June 18th – 20th – Athol, Idaho.** Northwest Treasure Hunters Club's 38th annual hunt at the Farragut State Park. Contact Eric Payne at (208) 772-4794 or by e-mail at [payneea@hotmail.com](mailto:payneea@hotmail.com)

**June 18th – 20th – New Staunton, Pennsylvania.** Treasurefest 2010 at the Fox Den Acres campground. There will be 10 hunts with a variety of themes. You can enter for one day or all three. The fee is \$30 per hunt and registrations can be sent to Ed Burke, 84 S. Atherton Ave., Kingston, PA 18704, call (570) 331-0600, or e-mail [potogold1@verizon.net](mailto:potogold1@verizon.net), or Duane Biller (724) 439-1380, [snake-mandb@earthlink.net](mailto:snake-mandb@earthlink.net)

**June 19th – 20th – Hastings, Nebraska.** The Nebraskaland Treasure Hunters Club's Annual Hunt at the ghost town of Leroy, south of Hastings on Hwy. 281. For info, contact Dale or Marilyn Ratzlaff at (402) 736-4455 or [dalyn@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:dalyn@mainstaycomm.net)

**June 19th – 20th – Powell, Wyoming.** The Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Show hosted by the Shoshone Rock Club and assisted by the Cody 59'ers at the Park County Fairgrounds, 655 5th Street. Admittance - Adults: \$2 each, Ages 12-18: \$1 each. For information, contact Jane R. Neale, (307) 754-3285 or Mary Ann Northrup, (307) 754-4472.

**June 19th – 20th – Georgetown, Indiana.** The Hoosier Hills Treasure Hunters Club and the Down n' Dirty Diggers Metal Detecting Club will each host one day of this weekend hunt – the Diggers' 9th Annual Open Hunt on Sat., and the Hoosier Hills' "Second Day" Hunt on Sun. For more info on the Diggers, contact Mike Byrn by e-mail at [byrn@hughes.net](mailto:byrn@hughes.net) or call (812) 366-3558. For more on the Hoosiers, contact Chad Beesley at [c.beesley@insightbb.com](mailto:c.beesley@insightbb.com) or call (812) 966-2137 or (812) 498-0336.

**June 26th – 27th – Palmer, Alaska.** Alaska Treasure Seekers'

34th Annual Metal Detecting Hunt at the Alaska State Fairgrounds – France Equestrian Center – 2075 Glenn Highway. For more info, contact Cathy Lundine, (907) 696-1910 or e-mail [lundi-ne5@aol.com](mailto:lundi-ne5@aol.com)

**July 10th – 17th – New Staunton, Pennsylvania.** Treasure Week at the Fox Den Acres Campground. Three hunts a day with many other hunts and activities. For more info, contact Jill & Carl McFeeders, [jcseeker@core.com](mailto:jcseeker@core.com) or phone (330) 364-1608.

**July 17th – 18th – North Conway, New Hampshire.** The Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club Show at the North Conway Community Center. Gem and mineral dealers, micromounters, silent auction and raffle. Free admission.

**July 24th – 25th – Nekoosa, Wisconsin.** MidState Metal Detector Club's 14th Annual Open Hunt and State Championship at the Deer Trails Park Campground (please note the hunt location has changed). Contact Steven Miller, N3091 CTY RD B, Hancock, WI 54943, or e-mail [stmiller@uniontel.net](mailto:stmiller@uniontel.net)

**July 26th – August 1st – Vallonia, Indiana.** Southern Indiana Treasure Fest 2010 sponsored by Pepsi-Cola at the Starve Hollow State Recreation Area south of Brownstown on HW 135. Jackson County Fair all week. Events for all ages every day! Free Kids Hunts ages 3-12, and Jr. Hunts ages 13-15 for \$10. The week's events sponsored and/or provided by Bounty Hunter, Fisher Labs, Garrett Metal Detectors, The Lincoln Hills Treasure Hunters Club, White's Electronics, The Hoosier Hills Treasure Hunter's Club, Real Treasure Hunters, Teknetics, Cannonball Express Metal Detectors, Wick's Pies, Wray & Co. Treasure Shop, Tesoro, and The Down n' Dirty Diggers. For more info, contact Chad Beesley at (812) 966-2137 or Terry Rittenhouse at (765) 857-2400.

## **JULY 22 - N.U.T.S. MONTHLY MEETING -**

**Location: 2531 South 400 East, Room 105 -**

**Time: 7:00 PM**



**Mike Redd** has lived in West Valley City for 29 years. He has been married to his wife, Shannon, for 33 years. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Mike works at the Jordan River Temple as the Senior Building Engineer. He has worked for the LDS church for almost 34 years and said he is looking forward to retirement. Mike is a lifelong Scouter serving for almost 34 years. He has earned his Eagle Scout Award and Silver Beaver Award. His hobbies are ATV riding, gardening, a small time coin collector and a licensed scuba diver. He is also a bee keeper and enjoys raising chickens.

Mike was raised in San Juan County in Blanding, Utah. His father Kent Redd and two brothers owned, which at one time, was the largest store in San Juan County. They inherited the store from their father Parley Redd who the store was named after (Parley Redd Mercantile.) Mike started working at the store when he was five. Blanding is just a few miles from the Navajo and Ute Indian reservations. The store was one of the main trading places for turquoise jewelry, Indian blankets, woven baskets, sand paintings and cedar berry necklaces. Today these items are very valuable and expensive but back in Grandpa Parley's day they were used as a bartering tool for groceries and clothing. This brings us to the tokens the store used for the bartering and the reason Mike will be addressing our group.



# Cumberland Dig

This dig took place a week after the planned dig was cancelled due to weather. Ralph Gold (NUTS member and TWAS member) put this one together.



# What Is This?



Hey all you N.U.T.S. Members,

On June 25 & 26 we will be hosting the Coin Show at the Salt Lake Community College in the Larry H. Miller Conference Center in Sandy. This is going to be a FUN Show for all ages and all collectors. There will be coin dealers and vendors from all around. It's a fun show to bring the family to because there is so much to see and to decide what to buy. A large portion of the NUTS CLUB is funded by this Coin Show so it is important for us. It helps with our raffle prizes every month, our fun summer picnic with treasures for everyone, and who could forget our KICK BUTT Christmas Parties with a lot of prizes. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the coin show! REMEMBER, you can't purchase raffle tickets at the Christmas party. You earn tickets throughout the year by attending Club meetings and your service hours at the coin show!!! We want everyone to have an opportunity to help out. Another way to help out is by selling raffle tickets for our coin show. Every hour at the show there will be a drawing for a silver Morgan dollar with 20 of them being awarded. The grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the show and it will be a U.S. \$5 Gold piece. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Tickets are \$1 each or buy ten tickets and get one free. I am not one to sell or push my friends but I offer them in conversation with coworkers and friends. I have found a number of them interested. I would like to encourage each of you to participate in the raffle and let your friends know about it. You might be surprised how interested people can be, because who doesn't like gold and silver. The cool thing is that the more we sell, the better our summer picnic and Christmas party will be. We will have the raffle tickets at our meeting on June 24. I would be glad to get them to you sooner so contact me, Brandon Phillips, through email or cell and we will make it happen. Also if you would like to volunteer for any time during the show please contact me, and I will sign you up. Those of you who have already signed up, we appreciate it and look forward to having a NUTTY time. I promise that you do not want to miss out with Cookie Monster Todd and company, so come have fun with us. Thanks again everyone for all you do. If you have any questions please call!!!

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### FOIL DINNERS

Lisa Morey

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 4 potatoes
- 2 onions
- 1 small bag baby carrots
- 1 packet brown gravy mix

Chop veggies into bite size pieces. Microwave veggies in water for 15-20 minutes and let cool. Prepare four hamburger patties and season to taste.

Use eight 12" pieces of heavy duty foil. Place two pieces together (one on top of the other). Place burger patties and veggies in the middle and sprinkle on brown gravy mix. Pull the inner piece of foil together until it meets in the middle and fold the foil inward in half inch increments until it snugly fits the meal. Repeat on ends flip over and repeat with outer piece of foil. (You should now have the meal wrapped in both pieces). (Or you can buy foil bags and wrap them in an extra piece of foil)

Refrigerate or freeze until ready to cook.


Meal can be cooked on a grille or campfire coals for 15-20 minutes. Chicken and chicken gravy can be substituted for ground beef.

### Church Fart

An elderly couple are attending church services. About halfway through, he writes a note and hands it to his wife.

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### June 24

WASHINGTON - Sales of the United States Mint Presidential \$1 Coin & First Spouse Medal Set (Franklin Pierce) will begin at noon Eastern Time (ET) on June 24, 2010.

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*Note: To ensure that all members of the public have fair and equal access to United States Mint products, orders placed prior to the official on-sale date and time of June 24, 2010, at noon ET, shall not be deemed accepted by the United States Mint and will not be honored. For more information, please review the United States Mint's Frequently Asked Questions, Answer ID #175.*

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ON THE BACK, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S EMBLEM IS FRONT AND CENTER. THE MOTTO "BE PREPARED" APPEARS NEAR THE RIM, ALONG WITH THE NAME "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" AND STANDARD INSCRIPTIONS.



# KID'S CORNER



## A CLEANING CONSPIRACY



### Who said that was a good idea? (Answers pg 11)

Someone sneaked into Inspector Collector's study and stole his "Leave Coin Cleaning to Professionals!" sign. In its place, the thief posted the following methods for cleaning coins at home.

Which of these methods can be used to clean a really grimy coin? And which methods were put here to trick people into ruining their collectibles?

DON'T TRY any of these methods until you've checked "But is it safe?!" (pg 11)



**Scrubbing powder.** Because coins are metal, you can clean them with the same tools you use to scrub a dirty frying pan. Sprinkle powdered cleanser on a scrubbing brush, and use it to whisk that dirt and grime away in no time!



**Bare fingers.** Take your fingers and rub them softly over the surface of the coin, making sure to wipe all parts of the design. If you're having a hard time removing troublesome dirt, you can use potato-chip grease to help soften the grime.



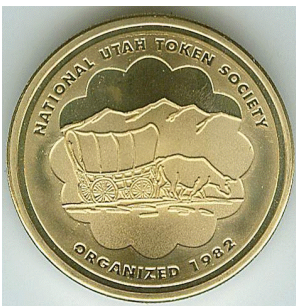
**Wet polish.** Use moisture from your mouth to get the coin good and wet, and then rub it clean using a wool sweater or some other textured fabric. The saliva will polish the coin, making it nice and shiny.



**Washing machine.** The way you clean clothes is also a great way to clean your coins. To keep them from getting scratched, be sure to tuck coins in the front pocket of your jeans. Don't let your coins go into the dryer, though.



**Soap and water.** After washing your hands with mild soap and water, lightly suds up the coin and rinse it. Then, pat it dry with a soft towel, being careful not to rub the towel roughly against the coin's surface.



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Clean your coins with scrubbing powder? No way!

Sure this method will get the dirt off fast, but it's not even safe for all frying pans. Imagine the harm it can do to your coins! Scrub away, and you're sure to scratch the coin's design!



Clean your coins with saliva? Gross!

Saliva can ruin a coin's design just like oils from your skin can. In fact, you never even want to talk over an uncovered coin and risk having tiny droplets of saliva fall onto it. Plus, drying the coin with a scratchy sweater will only wear away at the original luster. Once it's gone, you can't get that luster back!



Don't rub your fingers all over a coin's design!

Clean or dirty, you want to touch only the edges of your collectible coins. The oils on your fingers—natural or from potato chips—can eat into the coin's design. Rubbing your fingers all over the coin just makes the coin dirtier!



Don't clean your coins in the washing machine, silly!

The only coins you want to run through the washer are those you plan to spend right away. (Even then, there's a good chance your parents don't want you to launder those coins!) Detergents and the spin cycle can quickly scuff up a coin—especially if it falls out of your jeans' pocket!



For the record, this is the only cleaning method you can use safely. And even then, it shouldn't be used very often!

If you have a really grimy coin, you can wash off the dirt with mild soap and water.

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